

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces and supersedes all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data carrier having a first side and a second side, said data carrier comprising:

at least one printed area produced by imprinting via intaglio printing on the first side and having a tactile perceptibility produced by the imprinting, said printed area having a printing relief of approximately 5 to 100 microns; and

a protective foil applied on the first side and partly covering said printed area, wherein the protective foil is applied such that the tactile perceptibility of the intaglio printing is maintained.

2. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area additionally comprises a blind-embossed area.

3. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein at least one partial area of the non-covered printed area is tactilely perceptible.

4. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the foil has at least one gap in the area of the printed area.

5. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area covered with the foil has a surface relief that is greater at least in certain areas in the printed area not covered with the foil than in the printed area covered with the foil.
6. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the data carrier is an identification document.
7. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the foil has holographic embossed structures.
8. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the foil has a thickness of less than 20 μm .
9. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area has a finely structured pattern.
10. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area has a pattern which extends essentially seamlessly between the area covered with foil and the uncovered area.
11. (Withdrawn – Previously Presented) A method for producing a data carrier having a printed area produced by intaglio printing and partly covered with a foil, comprising the following steps:

at least partly printing on a substrate by intaglio printing, said intaglio printing producing a printed area having a tactile perceptibility; and

applying a foil to the substrate so as to partly cover the area executed by intaglio printing, wherein the foil is applied such that the tactile perceptibility of the intaglio printing is maintained.

12. (Previously Presented) The data carrier of claim 9, wherein said finally structured pattern comprises guilloches.

13. (Previously Presented) The data carrier according to claim 1, wherein said foil comprises polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or thermoplastics.

14. (Currently Amended) A data carrier having a first side and a second side, said data carrier comprising:

a substrate having an area containing print, said print being printed in raised relief and having a tactile perceptibility;

a protective foil applied to the first side of the data carrier such that a window area is maintained over at least a portion of the area containing said print so that the tactile perceptibility of said print is maintained.

15. (Previously Presented) A data carrier according to claim 14, wherein said relief of said print is approximately 5 to 100 microns.

16. (New) A data carrier having a first side and a second side, said data carrier comprising:

at least one printed area including an intaglio imprint on the first side and having a tactile perceptibility, said printed area having a printing relief of approximately 5 to 100 microns; and

a protective foil applied on the first side and partly covering said printed area, wherein the protective foil is applied such that the tactile perceptibility of the intaglio printing is maintained.